

Hip Replacement Comments

General Comments from all hospitals

HealthAlliance Hospital
Holyoke Hospital
Lahey Clinic
Massachusetts General Hospital

HealthAlliance

HealthAlliance had no deaths from hip fractures or hip replacements. Therefore, we believe our risk adjusted mortality rate should be zero for both these diagnosis.

Holyoke Hospital

This one FY '04 case involved an elderly woman with progressive lung cancer, desiring only symptomatic treatment (transfusions for anemia) at the time of her fall/hip fracture, who died from cardiac/renal complications 8 days after surgery (hemi arthroplasty to attain more rapid mobilization postoperatively). She underwent the urgent surgery once medically stable.

Lahey Clinic

There were no deaths among Lahey Clinic's hip replacement patients.

Massachusetts General Hospital

The MGH Orthopedic Service performs a high volume of primary and repeat or revision hip replacements. The service also was among the first in the state to perform the minimally invasive approach. The statistics presented by the state underestimate our volume by 230 cases per year because they only report the cases involving osteoarthritis. We would advise that patients talk with their orthopedist to learn more about his or her level of competence in complicated cases, revision cases, and minimally invasive procedures. We would encourage patients to interpret the state's reporting with caution.